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General Assembly

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10 a.m. — 73rd plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Fifty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [48]: award of human rights prizes in 2003; Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [117 (d)]: tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: *joint debate*:

(a) Presentation of awards

(b) Debate

General Assembly

Fifty-eight session

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the General Assembly

The fourth meeting of the open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, chaired by the President of the General Assembly, will be held on Friday, 12 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. [A revised text of the draft decision by the President of the General Assembly, was faxed to all Permanent Mission, on Tuesday, 9 December 2003].

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Main Committees

Second Committee

10 a.m. — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 1

Informal consultations held by Mr. Henri Raubenheimer (South Africa), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on: A/C.2/58/L.23 (item 12), A/C.2/58/L.20 (item 91 (b)), A/C.2/58/L.16 (item 91 (c) and (f)), A/C.2/58/L.17 (item 91 (d)), A/C.2/58/L.2 (item 92), A/C.2/58/L.5 (item 93 (b)), A/C.2/58/L.27, (item 93 (a)), A/C.2/58/L.7 (item 94 (b)) (and programme budget implications: A/C.2/58/L.43), A/C.2/58/L.10 (item 94 (e)), A/C.2/58/L.11 (item 94 (c)), A/C.2/58/L.14 (item 94 (f)) (programme budget implications: A/C.2/58/L.44), A/C.2/58/L.15 (item 94 (b)), A/C.2/58/L.22 (item 94 (g)), A/C.2/58/L.25 (item 94 (e)), A/C.2/58/L.26 (item 94 (a)), A/C.2/58/L.30 (item 94 (d)), A/C.2/58/L.9 (item 95), A/C.2/58/L.13 (item 96), A/C.2/58/L.24 (item 97 (b)), A/C.2/58/L.3 (item 98), A/C.2/58/L.4 (item 98), A/C.2/58/L.28 (item 99), A/C.2/58/L.41 (item 100), A/C.2/58/L.31 (item 101) and A/C.2/58/L.34 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/58/L.45) (item 102)

5–6 p.m. — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 3

Informal consultations held by Mr. Henri Raubenheimer (South Africa), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on: A/C.2/58/L.32 (item 91 (a)), A/C.2/58/L.19 (item 91 (b)), A/C.2/58/L.18 (item 91 (e)), A/C.2/58/L.38 (item 91 (g)), A/C.2/58/L.37 (item 93 (c)), A/C.2/58/L.39 (item 104) and A/C.2/58/L.40 (item 104)

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. — 26th meeting — Conference Room 3

1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [119]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.32

2. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [120]

   Action on draft decisions A/C.5/58/L.33 and A/C.5/58/L.34 and draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.35

3. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.5/58/L.30 and A/C.5/58/L.31

4. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [134]

   Action on draft decision A/C.5/58/L.29

   Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (A/58/559)

5. Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3 (Chaps. I, VII (sects. B and C) and IX)) [12]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Administrative matters	

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7
	Informal consultations (closed) on draft proposals under agenda item 40, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg). All interested delegations are invited to attend.	

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.39 entitled "High-level dialogue on financing for development; and A/C.2/58/L.40 entitled "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development" (agenda item 104) (organized by the pe...anent Mission of Cameroon)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room A
3–5 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3

Informal "informals" on follow up to General Assembly resolution 57/270 B entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields" (indicative programme of work of the Second Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 4

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.18 entitled "External debt crisis and development" (agenda item 91 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

12 noon–3 p.m.	Closed meeting	Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.19 entitled "Cybersecurity and the protection of critical information infrastructures" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Czech Republic)

1–3 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.37 entitled "International migration and development" (agenda 93 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

Morning[1]–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1

[1] Following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Second Committee.

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 10 December 2003

Group of 77 *(on Second Committee matters)*

9–10 a.m.	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
1–3 p.m.	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room C

African Group *(Third Committee experts)*

1.15–2.45 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft decision entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields " (A/58/L.8/Rev.1) (agenda item 50) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

1.15–3 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room E

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

4.30–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room C

Police-contributing countries meeting on UNMIK

There will be a police-contributing countries meeting on UNMIK *today*, 10 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Mr. Nils Bechmann, Deputy Police Commissioner, will discuss the downsizing of UNMIK police and other police personnel related issues.

UNITAR/WTO workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the international trade series. The workshop, conducted in English, will continue *today*, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Panel discussion on "Globalization of Human Rights: Pros and Cons" (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University)

On the occasion of Human Rights Day, a panel discussion on "Globalization of Human Rights: Pros and Cons", organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University, will take place *today*, Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UNU New York Office (Web site: www.ony.unu.edu; email unuona@ony.unu.edu; or tel. 1 (212) 963-6387) [Registration on-line at www.ony.unu.edu/unuseminarregistration.htm].

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Wednesday, 10 December 2003

Room S-226

11 a.m. Mr. Kieran Prendergast, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs (on the Secretary-General's report to the Security Council on Iraq)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Second Committee The Second Committee will hold its 37th meeting on Thursday, 11 December 2003 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, to take action on all draft resolutions.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 27th meeting on Thursday, 11 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, immediately followed by informal consultations (closed) in Conference Room 5. Informal consultations (closed) will also be held at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Credentials Committee

There will be a closed meeting of the Credentials Committee on Thursday, 11 December 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegations that have not submitted credentials in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly are requested to submit them to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A) before the meeting, on 11 December.

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
First meeting of States Parties

The First Meeting of States Parties will take place on Thursday, 11 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The documents for the Meeting are CMW/SP/1, CMW/SP/2 and CMW/SP/3.

Quorum

Pursuant to article 72, paragraph 4 of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-thirds of the States Parties. As there are 22 States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is 15 States Parties. There have been instances in the past where meetings of the States Parties have been substantially delayed or called off due to the lack of quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present at the scheduled time of the meeting.

Credentials

The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the Meeting. The credentials may be brought or sent to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914).

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 2003 session from 15 to 19 December 2003 in Conference Room 4. The agenda of the 2003 session is contained in document E/C.2/2003/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are requested to inform the Secretary-General about the composition of their delegation for the resumed session through the Committee Secretary, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Eastern European Group *(of the Fifth Committee)*

There will be a meeting of the Eastern European Group *(of the Fifth Committee)* on Thursday, 11 December 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Toward global partnerships" (agenda item 46), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Thursday, 11 December 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Meeting of the Least Developed Countries with their development partners of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

There will be a meeting of the Least Developed Countries with their development partners of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin, on Thursday, 11 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia, on the following dates: Thursday, 11 December, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and Friday, 12 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Rom 9.

Group of 77 *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be an information meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Third Committee matters)* with the Director of INSTRAW, H.E. Ms. Carmen Moreno, on Friday, 12 December 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Meeting of the Group of Least Developed Countries *(at the experts level)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of Least Developed Countries *(at the experts level)*, organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin, on Friday, 12 December 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Presentation of the handbook *Internet Services for Delegates*

A practical presentation for all permanent missions to the United Nations of the recently-issued handbook *Internet Services for Delegates*, organized by the Ad Hoc Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Friday, 12 December 2003, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Copies of the handbook will be distributed to the participants. Members of the permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 3 December 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Preparations for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (1-12 March 2004), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following thematic issues that will be taken up by the Commission: (a) Women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace building; and (b) The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1246; and/or email zakharova@un.org), no later than 9 January 2004, indicating the panel for which the experts(s) is (are) being nominated.

Summary of meetings

Monday, 8 December 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

71st plenary meeting

Reports of the First Committee

The Rapporteur of the First Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 62 to 80.

Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/58/451) [62]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/451) as orally corrected (resolution 58/28).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 62.

Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification: report of the First Committee (A/58/452) [63]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/452).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 63.

Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/58/453) [64]

By 130 votes to 3, with 42 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/453) (resolution 58/29).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 64.

African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/58/454) [65]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/58/454) (resolution 58/30).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 65.

Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/58/455) [66]

The representative of Cuba made a statement, in the course of which he orally amended the first operative paragraph of the draft resolution.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report, as orally amended (A/58/455) (resolution 58/31).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 66.

The representative of France made a statement in explanation of vote.

Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the First Committee (A/58/456) [67]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/456).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 67.

Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/58/457) [68]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/58/457) (resolution 58/32).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 68.

Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/58/458) [69]

By 106 votes to 49, with 19 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/458) (resolution 58/33).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 69.

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/58/459) [70]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/459) (resolution 58/34).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 70.

Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/58/460) [71]

By 119 votes to 0, with 58 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/460) (resolution 58/35).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 71.

Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/58/461) [72]

By 174 votes to 0, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/461) (resolution 58/36).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 72.

General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/58/462) [73]

The President informed the General Assembly that action on draft resolution I was postponed to a later date to allow time for the review of its programme budget implications by the Fifth Committee.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions II to XXIV recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 82 of its report (A/58/462).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 58/37)	113	3	57
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 58/38)		Adopted	
Draft resolution IV (recorded vote) (resolution 58/39)	172	1	1
Draft resolution V (recorded vote) (resolution 58/40)		Adopted	
Draft resolution VI (recorded vote) (resolution 58/41)		Adopted	
Draft resolution VII (recorded vote) (resolution 58/42)		Adopted	
Draft resolution VIII (recorded vote) (resolution 58/43)	73	48	46
Draft resolution IX (recorded vote) (resolution 58/44)	118	12	46
Draft resolution X (recorded vote) (resolution 58/45)	173	1	4
Draft resolution XI (recorded vote) Oral amendment to the first preambular paragraph	165	4	3
Draft resolution XI (recorded vote) As orally amended (resolution 58/46)	124	29	22
Draft resolution XII (recorded vote) (resolution 58/47)	114	47	17
Draft resolution XIII (recorded vote) (resolution 58/48)		Adopted	
Draft resolution XIV (recorded vote) Oral amendment to the last three words of the fifth preambular paragraph	159	3	9
Draft resolution XIV (recorded vote) Fifth preambular paragraph As orally amended	163	2	9
Draft resolution XIV (recorded vote) As orally amended (resolution 58/49)	168	3	28
Draft resolution XV (recorded vote) (resolution 58/50)	128	4	43
Draft resolution XVI (recorded vote) Oral amendment to the twentieth preambular paragraph	128	6	41
Draft resolution XVI (recorded vote) As orally amended (resolution 58/51)	123	6	3

Draft resolution XVII (recorded vote) (resolution 58/52)		Adopted	
Draft resolution XVIII (recorded vote) (resolution 58/53)	153	0	23
Draft resolution XIX (recorded vote) Oral amendment to the second operative paragraph	153	0	23
Draft resolution XIX (recorded vote) Oral amendment to the third operative paragraph	152	0	22
Draft resolution XIX (recorded vote) Oral amendment to the fourth operative paragraph as a whole	152	0	22
Draft resolution XIX (recorded vote) As orally amended (resolution 58/54)	150	0	27
Draft resolution XX (recorded vote) (resolution 58/55)		Adopted	
Draft resolution XXI (recorded vote) (resolution 58/56)	112	45	20
Draft resolution XXII (recorded vote) (resolution 58/57)		Adopted	
Draft resolution XXIII (recorded vote) (resolution 58/58)		Adopted	
Draft resolution XXIV (recorded vote) (resolution 58/59)	164	2	14

The representatives of Japan, Cuba, Brazil, Singapore and Lithuania made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 73.

Review and implementation of Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/58/463) [74]

The General Assembly adopted draft decisions I to IV recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 23 of its report (A/58/463) (resolutions 58/60, 58/61, 58/62 and 58/63).

By 118 votes to 46, with 13 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution V recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 23 of its report (A/58/463) (resolution 58/64).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution VI recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 23 of its report (A/58/463) (resolution 58/65).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 74.

Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/58/464) [75]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/58/464) (resolutions 58/66 and 58/67).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 75.

The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/58/465) [76]

By 162 votes to 2, with 10 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted the sixth preambular paragraph. By 162 votes to 4, with 10 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted the draft resolution as a whole recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/465) (resolution 58/68).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 76.

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/58/466) [77]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/58/466) (resolution 58/69).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 77.

Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/58/467) [78]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/467) (resolution 58/70).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 78.

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban-Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/58/468) [79]

By 173 votes to 1, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/468) (resolution 58/71).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 79.

Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/58/469) [80]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/58/469) (resolution 58/72).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 80.

Information and communication technologies for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/568) [49]

The representatives of Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group), China, Tunisia, Pakistan, Malaysia and Cuba made statements.

The representative of Morocco made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 49.

Tuesday, 9 December 2003

Security Council

4877th meeting

Protection of civilians in armed conflict

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Azerbaijan, Canada, Colombia, Egypt, Italy, Japan, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Sierra Leone, Switzerland and Ukraine, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jan Egeland, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard a briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.

Statements were made by the representatives of Spain, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Chile, the Syrian Arab Republic, Guinea, the United States, China, Angola, Mexico, France, Cameroon, Pakistan and Germany, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Bulgaria.

The Council heard statements made by the representatives of Italy (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries – Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, and the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement) and Ukraine.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Switzerland, Sierra Leone, Egypt, Colombia, the Republic of Korea, Norway, Azerbaijan and Canada.

Mr. Jan Egeland responded to comments and questions raised.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

72nd plenary meeting

Reports of the Sixth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 148 to 159, 162 to 164 and 128.

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Sixth Committee which were before the Assembly.

Progressive development of principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order (A/58/510) [148]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/58/510).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 148.

United Nations Programme of Assistance in Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/511) [149]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/58/511) (resolution 58/73).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 149.

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/512) [150]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/58/512) (resolution 58/74).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 150.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-sixth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/513) [151]

The representative of Sierra Leone made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/58/513) (resolutions 58/75 and 58/76).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 151.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/514) [152]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/58/514) (resolution 58/77).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 152.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/515) [153]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/58/515) (resolution 58/78).

The representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 153.

International Criminal Court: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/516) [154]

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/58/516) (resolution 58/79).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 154.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/517) [155]

The President informed the General Assembly that action on draft resolution I was postponed to a later date to allow time for the review of its programme budget implications by the Fifth Committee.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution II recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/57/517) (resolution 58/80).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 155.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/518) [156]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/58/518) (resolution 58/81).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 156.

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associate Personnel: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/519) [157]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/58/519) (resolution 58/82).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 157.

International convention against reproductive cloning of human beings [158]

(a) Report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/520)

(b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.37)

The General Assembly decided to include the item in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and Egypt.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 158.

Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/522) [159]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/58/522) (resolution 58/83).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 159.

Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Community in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/523) [162]

The representative of Sierra Leone made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/58/523) (resolution 58/84).

The representative of Kazakhstan made a statement.

The Secretary-General of the Eurasian Economic Community made a statement.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 162.

Observer status for the GUUAM in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/524) [163]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/524) (resolution 58/85).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 163.

Observer status for the East African Community in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/525) [164]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/525) (resolution 58/86).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 164.

Administration of justice in the United Nations: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/521) [128]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/58/521) (resolution 58/87).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 128.

72nd plenary meeting (continued)

The summary of the 72nd plenary meeting (continued) of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2003/237).

Main Committees

Second Committee

36th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(a) International trade and development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.33

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Morocco made a statement, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 105 to 2, with 43 abstentions.

The representatives of the United States and Italy (on behalf of the European Union) made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

The representatives of Ethiopia and Ukraine made statements regarding their vote.

(b) Science and technology for development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft decision A/C.2/58/L.6

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.6.

Environment and sustainable development [94]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.12 and A/C.2/58/L.48

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.48, which she submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.12.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.48.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.48, draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.12 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development [95]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.8 and A/C.2/58/L.49

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.49, which she submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.8.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee was also informed that in addition to the sponsors listed in the document, the following countries had joined in sponsoring this draft resolution: Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Comoros, Congo, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Fiji, France, Gambia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nicaragua, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Senegal, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay and Vanuatu.

The representative of the Czech Republic orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.49, as orally corrected.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.49, draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.8 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Training and research [99]

(b) United Nations Staff College in Turin

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.21 and A/C.2/58/L.47

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Ulrika Cronnenberg-Mossberg (Sweden), introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.47, which she submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.21.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representatives of Chile and the Russian Federation made statements.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.47.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.47, draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.21 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly [101]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.35 and A/C.2/58/L.46

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.46, which she submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.35.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.46.

The representative of Argentina made a statement.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.46, draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.35 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Permanent Sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.36/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 142 to 4, with 9 abstentions.

The representatives of Japan, Italy (on behalf o the European Union) and the United Arab Emirates made statements in explanation of vote after their vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Signature: Bhutan (9 December 2003)

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Ecuador (9 December 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Uzbekistan (9 December 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Signature: Egypt (9 December 2003)

Signature: France (9 December 2003)

Signature: Italy (9 December 2003)

Signature: Japan (9 December 2003)

Signature: Jordan (9 December 2003)

Signature: Kenya (9 December 2003)

Ratification: Kenya (9 December 2003)[1]

Signature: Kuwait (9 December 2003)

Signature: Mauritius (9 December 2003)

Signature: Mexico (9 December 2003)

Signature: Morocco (9 December 2003)

Signature: Pakistan (9 December 2003)

Signature: Paraguay (9 December 2003)

Signature: Philippines (9 December 2003)

Signature: Senegal (9 December 2003)

Signature: Sierra Leone (9 December 2003)

Signature: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (9 December 2003)

Signature: United Republic of Tanzania (9 December 2003)

Signature: United States of America (9 December 2003)

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature until 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

Other announcements

Human Rights Day

In connection with Human Rights Day, *today*, 10 December 2003, the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights is sponsoring several events to mark the fifty-fifth anniversary of the proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the tenth anniversary of the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights and the award of human rights prizes. Information regarding the schedule of events parallel to the plenary meeting of the General Assembly is available at www.un.org/events/humanrights/. The address for the live webcast of the award of human rights prizes is the following: www.un.org/webcast/. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Sixth Annual Summit on Staff Security

The Sixth Annual Summit on Staff Security, on the theme "After Baghdad: United Nations Workers Under the Gun", organized by the Standing Committee on the Security and Independence of the International Civil Service and by the United Nations Staff Council, will take place on Thursday, 11 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Julian Robert Hunte, will deliver the opening keynote address. The President of the Security Council,

H.E. Mr. Stefan Tafrov, (Bulgaria), the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal, (Guatemala), and the President of the United Nations Staff Union, Ms. Rosemarie Waters, will be among the speakers.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact Mr. Guy Candusso (tel. 1 (212) 963-3801).

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

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A/58/7/Add.20	Items 121 and 110 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Advancement of women — Future operations of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.36 — Twenty-first report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
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A/58/561/Add.1	Item 17 (a) — Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/58/562	Item 17 (b) — Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]

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A/58/589	Item 165 — Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/58/590	Item 166 — Admission of the International Criminal Court to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
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A/C.5/58/L.32	Item 119 — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations — Review of duplication, complexity and bureaucracy in United Nations administrative processes and procedures [A C E F R S]
A/C.5/58/L.33	Item 120 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 — Draft decision submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations — Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa [A C E F R S]
A/C.5/58/L.34	Item 120 — Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 — Draft decision submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations — Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization: follow-up [A C E F R S]

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